

**ANNUAL  
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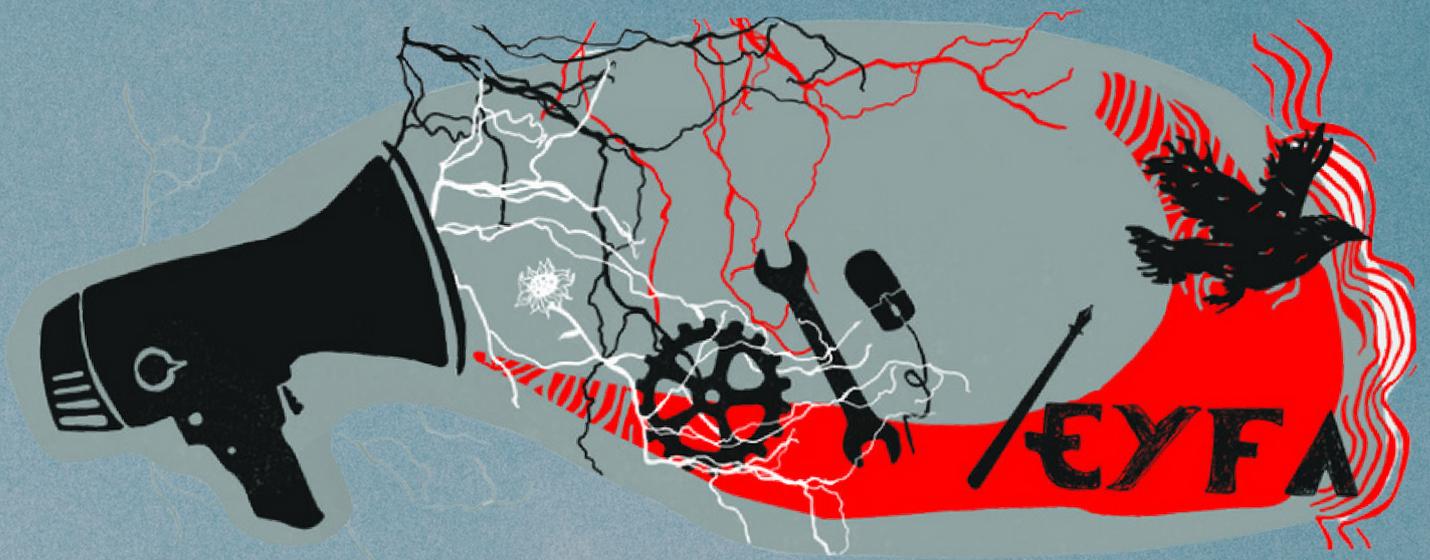
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# INTRODUCTION

As one of our aims is to encourage young people's initiative and autonomy, this last year we continued to do our best to make this possible in several ways. By supporting grassroots youth activist collectives in Europe and beyond, especially those, for whom the current political and social situation is a challenge due to marginalisation, state restrictions or lack of resources. The youth we collaborated with this year showed a strong commitment, persistence and belief in social and environmental change. We were pleased to join their initiatives in order to build collaborative alliances, but also to observe how new, revolutionary structures were formed in 2023. Informally, we strengthen our relations, get to know new young people, exchange skills and knowledge, something so present within our constantly growing network.

We had a chance again in 2023 to meet such young people not only during the big projects we were part of, but also in the small-scale workshops, trainings and meetings we implemented. We saw the changes happening right in front of us, from one meeting to the next.

The office staff also had a chance to learn a lot from the groups and individuals in our network. We adjusted our approaches to collaboration based on diversity, respect and a better understanding of one another. The complex picture drawn by people in power makes us live in unsustainable and hostile circumstances, but the power is taken back by the people, courageous enough to oppose, and creative and determined enough to propose alternative solutions.

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We wish for many more years alongside with an ever growing diverse network, with radical kindness and justice.

Thank you for going through this year with us.





# 1. ABOUT US

## 1.1. The EYFA story

EYFA developed from a tour that was initiated by a Swedish/German group in 1986 to save the old-growth forests in Europe: then named European Youth Forest Action. From these beginnings, EYFA has developed into a network of individuals, grassroots organisations and collectives working to transform local and international communities in their approach to environmental and social, political and economic positions.

EYFA focuses particularly on intersectional youth-initiated activities and projects.

EYFA projects are mainly for young people, giving them the opportunity to act and encouraging them to participate actively on local and international levels. A special focus is put on providing access for groups to take part in international grassroots movements. EYFA always puts effort into including youth from all corners of the continent, with different social, geographical and cultural backgrounds. EYFA's organisational structure consists of a Europe-wide network of grassroots groups, an office, and an advisory board.

## 1.2. What does EYFA do?

EYFA provides a platform and practical support for new radical ideas to grow into their full potential. The international office located in Berlin coordinates EYFA's activities through administrative and communication functions and being the network's contact point for sharing local information.



EYFA supports and encourages grassroots projects and initiatives in the following ways:

- Organizing exchanges, forums, trainings, network gatherings, actions and projects of different kinds;
- Promoting innovative ways of working in the field of social and environmental activism (i.e.: participatory education, consensus-based decision-making, art and activism, free and open source software, etc).
- Disseminating call outs and information on environmental and social justice issues;
- Giving advice, knowledge and support in planning and implementing projects, networking and a set of essential topics (facilitation of meetings, fundraising, strategizing, dealing with conflict, campaigning, burn out and anti-oppression among others).

### **1.3. Who does EYFA support?**

- Grassroots groups combating xenophobia, homo-, trans- and queer-phobia, racism, fascism, sexism, ableism and all other forms of exploitation and injustice;
- Grassroots groups promoting cultural diversity and the rights of women, LGBTIQ+, indigenous, refugees, migrants, and other vulnerable minorities;
- Grassroots groups combating environmental degradation, ecosystem destruction and animal exploitation and promoting biological diversity;
- Grassroots groups promoting young people's access to social rights like health, housing and education;

### **1.4. OUR VISION**

EYFA's main aim is to encourage young people's initiative and autonomy. We strive for a world where youth from all backgrounds have access to resources that allow them to gain knowledge, skills and to raise their voices to advocate for change in their communities. A just world where they are empowered to exercise their activism and rights, while developing new ways of organizing communities based on environmental and social sustainability;

We believe that only through an intersectional and anticolonial approach can we achieve social justice for all. This approach to organizing recognizes how oppressive systems of power affect different groups differently. To identify solutions, we find it important to understand the historical factors from which problems arose.

We dream of and act on changing the current society we live in into a society based on social, environmental, racial and economic justice, advocating for lasting political changes in all its shapes and levels, including disabled youth, Black youth, queer&trans\* youth, Indigenous youth, neurodiverse youth & each and all groups and identities of youth European-wide.

Towards this we have four core objectives (Capacity Building; Civic Engagement and Participatory Processes; Cross-regional; Intersectional Cooperation) and two priority areas (Social and Environmental Justice; Accessibility & Inclusion) to guide us.



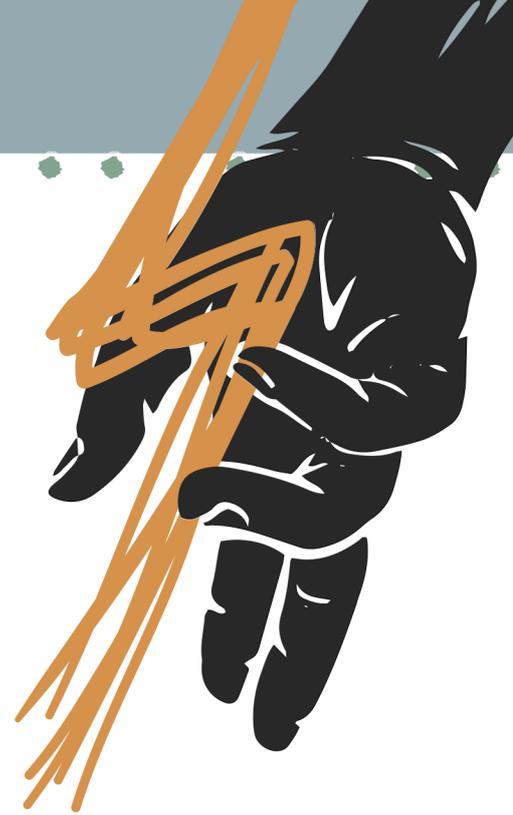
### 1.4.1. EYFA's Objectives

EYFA has four core objectives at the center of everything we do:

- **Capacity Building:** from at least 4 levels, empowering individuals to combat precarity; helping groups develop the skills and knowledge to gain access to funding, resources, training and the tools to articulate, debate and enact their ideas; and supporting movement-level solidarity (beyond the superficiality of 'networking') among like-minded youth initiatives;
- **Civic Engagement and Participatory Processes:** To support grassroots groups to critically engage with already existing decision-making processes and politics, to develop more egalitarian and participatory alternatives and to create their own legacy by creating resource materials which can be disseminated in their communities;
- **Cross-regional Cooperation:** To develop closer cooperation through joint initiatives and the sharing of ideas, histories and experiences amongst grassroots groups working in different political and social contexts;
- **Intersectionality:** An intersectional approach is fundamental for a just society. We believe that all different kinds of injustices are inter-connected and for that we need to take into account the multiple axes of power, privilege, and oppression, name and address them all, calling people in, in order to achieve transformative social justice;

### 1.4.2. EYFA's Priorities

In an era where social and environmental injustices keep advancing rapidly, we can not stress more the necessity to look closely into these two factors, studying its core and finding their intersections in order to better mitigate its impacts. For that, it's fundamentally important to understand that communities are made of diverse people, with different backgrounds, experiences and needs that are based on class, gender expression & identity, sexual orientation and race.



**a) Non-formal education** is a central component to EYFA's work.

The activities co-organized by EYFA are usually created along side those who will be taking part in them, be that as trainers or trainees, encouraging open collaboration and adaptable learning practices. A guiding question for this approach is, how can knowledge be shared and passed on in a way that doesn't create a hierarchy of those who know and those who don't? Centering the learning process not only on the experience and knowledge of trainers but also on the trainees/learners promotes a holistic experience where different learning styles can be addressed and attainable goals can be set and met in a supportive environment.

EYFA also encourages horizontal dissemination of information and knowledge. For example, anyone attending one of our trainings should feel empowered to organize and facilitate their own workshops, discussions and skill shares as a result of their experience with EYFA, sharing their new acquired skills with their peers and encouraging them and supporting them in doing the same.

It is particularly important for LGBTIQ+, BIPoC, people with disabilities, migrants and other minority groups to take active roles in teaching, facilitating and mentoring, thus combating discrimination, and creating more inclusive spaces of political action and thought, empowering and inspiring others.

Consensus is quintessential to how we do everything, and this also relates to our non-formal education focus. We discuss everything along the way and things can change if it is required and necessary for the participation and well being of our volunteers, trainers and trainees. Above everything we do, there is a focus on teaching, sharing and exchanging skills on horizontal decision making processes as well as organizational tools based on consensus.

## b) Social and Environmental Justice

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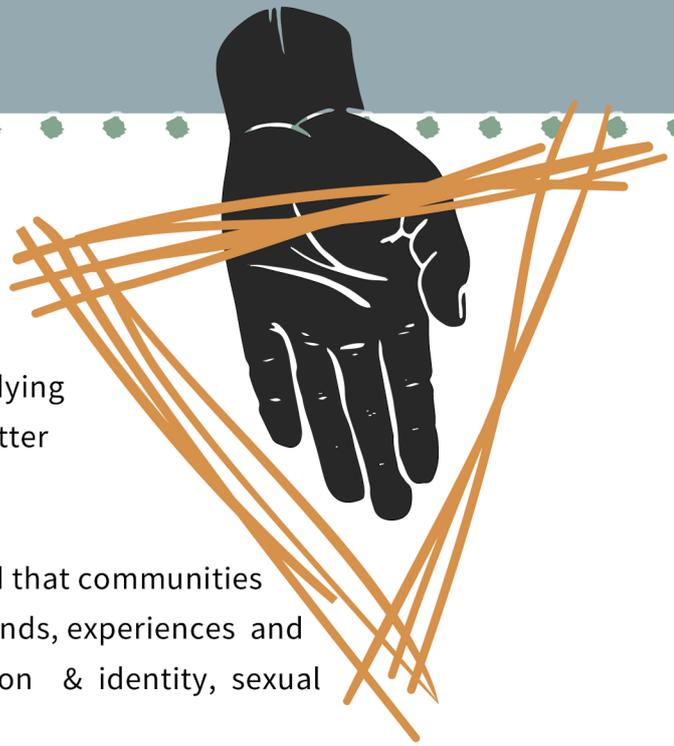
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We would like to expand our concept of priorities by acknowledging the topic of racial justice as an essential part to social justice in our approach. Systemic racism affects people not only at institutional levels but also within our movements, as internalized attitudes, tendencies and practices. Questioning racialized practices in our movements in order to dismantle these practices are questions which must be central to every aspect of what we do.

When environmental injustice strikes, we can easily identify that its footprints is mostly harsher on less privileged people. Communities with little to no access to basic resources struggle in deeper levels, and it can vary from minor inconveniences of daily life to more severe life threatening situations. EYFA's perspective is based on the intersectional understanding that social and environmental issues are deeply interlinked and are also expressed in patterns of economic injustice.

It is notably harder for populations with limited access to resources and basic needs for survival to adjust to difficult circumstances caused by environmental and social injustices. With poor access to health care, cases of natural catastrophes or pollution, for example affect such communities disproportionately more than for privileged populations.

We prioritize issues of marginalized communities to engage in the environmental justice movement in highlighting the wide gaps in social inequalities that influence the global fight against climate change. Socially sustainable and just communities go hand in hand with environmentally conscious ways of living.



EYFA's many environmental and social justice projects have aimed to draw the links between capitalism's economic growth-obsession and the ongoing exploitation and destruction of our natural & human environment that results on the exclusion of large populations, preventing them to access basic human rights resources. with environmentally conscious ways of living.

In order to pursue more just futures, we need to set changes into motion at both the local and global scale, starting by identifying the roots and causes of such injustices, raising awareness and promoting immediate conscious actions on a daily basis. For that, we keep empowering our youth to take the change on their own hands, acting better in the present in order to experience a future where we can all live in safety and harmonic abundance.

### c) Accessibility and Inclusion

Social, cultural, institutional or individual beliefs and practices exist which privilege some human beings and exclude, by subordination and oppression, others based on attributes of race, ethnicity, gender, sexuality or class, among many other distinctions.



**EYFA believes that social and economic exclusion are tied into histories of patriarchy and colonialism, as well as war, profit and power.**

These experiences have at times given rise to equally oppressive and excluding practices and policies. If we are to create a peaceful society free from hierarchy, exploitation and oppression that instead respects the autonomy and dignity of all human beings, the way these forces interact must be recognized and addressed.

These forms of oppression must also be tangibly addressed through active practices of inclusion.

Our current work includes many grassroots groups working towards social and institutional inclusion, peace-building, intercultural dialogue, gender equality, and safer spaces while vehemently combating right-wing extremism, nationalism, racism and homophobia.

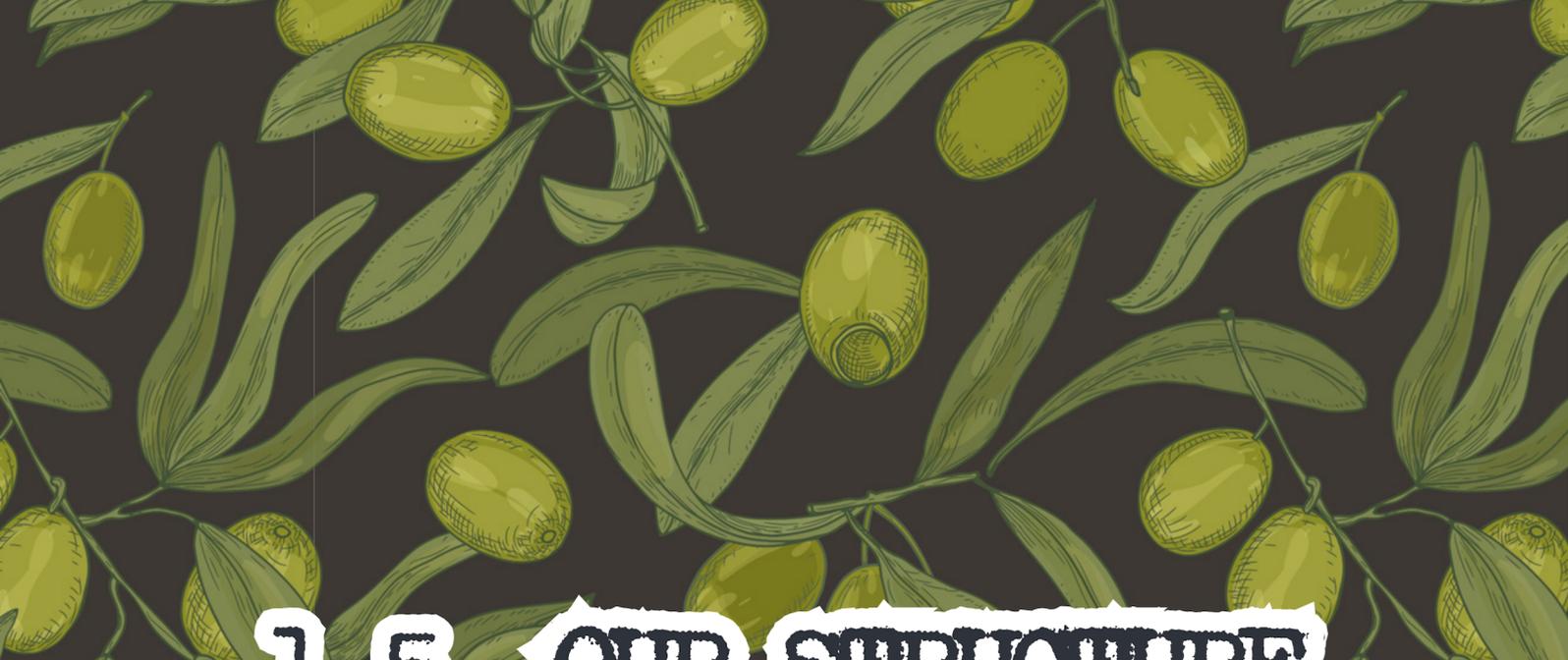
In the past, EYFA has focused on providing or facilitating translation for activities and workshops, as well as translating materials in an effort to bridge language barriers and make resources and knowledge more attainable, but these efforts are not enough.

This is why we created, as a result of internal discussions with our network members, a Working Group on Accessibility and Inclusion.

We want to encourage and facilitate groups to ask themselves the question of who is not participating in activities or being a part of spaces, and from this question actively work on creating more inclusive groups and spaces.

We would like to make it a priority to have, for example, access ramps and gender neutral bathrooms, or childcare available at events; and educate our staff and network members on awareness and consideration essential to inclusion to their movements. These are only some examples of how we could further push for accessible spaces.



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# 1.5. OUR STRUCTURE

## 1.5.1. DECISION-MAKING

Decisions are made during different meetings throughout the year. During these meetings the following is discussed: old and new projects, focus of the network, strategies and future cooperation plans. Though we do often make use of on-line meetings and decision making tools, face-to-face yearly network meetings are crucial for our work, and informal network discussions take place alongside all EYFA events. EYFA board meetings are organized once a year at the EYFA office in Berlin. The board has better insight in the works of the office this way and with everything at hand it heightens practicality.

All organizational decisions are made through reaching consensus. Consensus is a decision-making process that fully utilizes the resources of a group, seeks the agreement of most participants, and resolves or mitigates the objections of the minority to achieve the most agreeable decision. Consensus is also used during all EYFA meetings, projects and events.

EYFA functions on the belief that people in a group will relate to each other in a much more fair and productive way if everyone's contribution is considered and is equal to everyone else.

Consensus requires use of communication hand signals during meetings and decision making processes, and, sometimes, presence of trained facilitators and mediators.



### 1.5.2 EYFA OFFICE

EYFA has one international office, located in Berlin. The office coordinates EYFA's activities, including administrative and financial tasks, as well as big part of the communication functions of the network. This includes producing the EYFA newsletter, acting as an information and support point for organisations in the network and as a communication liaison between local and international projects.

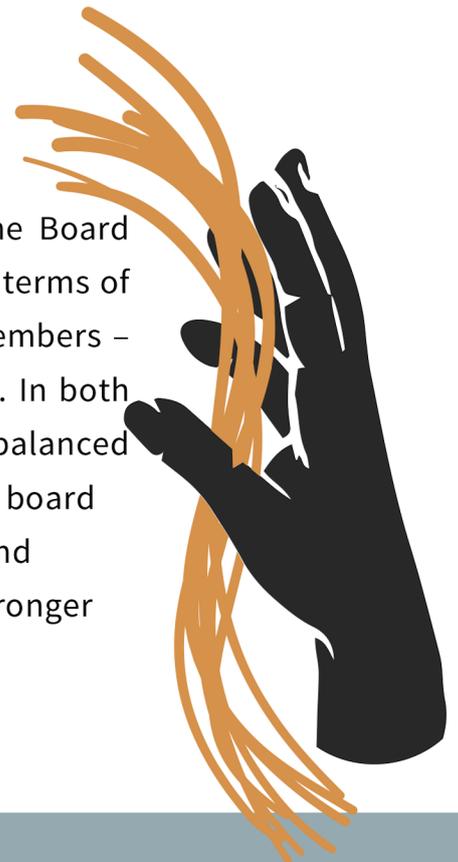
The office is organised collectively and non-hierarchically, meaning that all staff and volunteers are expected to take an equitable role in day-to-day tasks and decision-making processes. From watering the plants to writing applications, tasks are shared and rotated among all of those in the office.

The office also acts as a 'training ground' for young people to develop various skills, such as project coordination, fund-raising and bookkeeping.

EYFA does not require office staff to arrive already equipped with all the necessary knowledge and experience to carry out their tasks. Rather, the goal is to be a place where young people can work to develop skills in a supportive environment, learning-by-doing. It is normal for staff and volunteers to work in the office from 2 to 5 years, before moving on to share their new skills with other groups and projects.

### 1.5.3. EYFA ADVISORY BOARD

The 'Advisory Board' oversees the work of the office. The Board provides support and advice to the office – particularly in terms of strategy and finances. Currently, there are three Board members – they are ex-Eyfas, friends and members from our Network. In both the office and the Board, effort is made to maintain balanced representation among the different corners of Europe - our board is composed by activists with very different backgrounds and identities. But, just like us, they are committed to create stronger communities for a more just world.





## 2. Partner Organizations Network-members & collaborators.

- Activestills (Palestine / Israel)
- Anti-oppression Circle (UK)
- Alternativna Kulturna Organizacija (Serbia)
- Aloti Farm (Germany)
- Arruda – Collective (Germany)
- Art Centre (Slovenia)
- ASEED (Netherlands)
- Atem e.V. (Germany)
- Auto\*Mat (Czech Republic)
- Belarus Freedom of Speech (Belarus)
- Bewegungsschule (Germany)
- Bla (Portugal, France, Germany)
- Black Earth Kollektiv (Germany)
- Casa Kuà (Germany)
- Campaign to Protect Pont Valley (United Kingdom)
- Carbon Trade Watch (Spain)
- Cinelogue (Germany)
- Ecotopia Bike Tour (European-wide)
- Emántes (Greece)
- Gyenjam (Austria)
- Hermanas Nómadas (Germany)
- Institute for Democracy and Human Rights (Armenia)
- Klimakollektivet (Denmark)
- Kommunikationskollektiv (Germany)
- La Bassar Mar (Spain)
- Myzelium Projekt (Germany)
- Palestine Speaks (Germany)
- Queer in Colour (Germany)
- Raíces Negras (Spain)
- Re.Generation (Romania)
- Rhythm of Resistance Istanbul (Turkey)
- Sickness Affinity Group (Germany)
- Skills for Action (Germany)
- SPINA (Poland)
- Stop Xenophobia Youth Federation (Ukraine)
- Together! (Sweden)
- Tools for Action (Germany)
- Tripod (United Kingdom)
- UKE (Croatia)
- Ulex Project (Catalunya)
- Vedegylet (Hungary)
- VOID Network (Greece)
- Vredesactie (Belgium)
- Zali.LT (Lituania)
- Zelena akcija Zagreb (Croatia)
- We are the resistance (Spain)



## 3. PROJECTS

Throughout the year we could have a deeper look at the ongoing unlawful and unfair practices imposed on the more vulnerable communities, such as: forced migration, displacement, police brutality, climate (in)justice and its aftermath.

On the other hand, we could also exchange knowledge on how to overcome these hardships, developing tools to fight injustice, empower each other, bringing back the many ancestral knowledge that have been taken away from our communities.

By naming these issues and actions, we could gain awareness and discuss the many subversive and necessary ways to challenge systemic oppression.

These activities served as platforms for discussion, learning, and collaboration among diverse collectives and individuals, specially, those directly impacted by migration, displacement and the climate crisis.



We are very thankful for each one of the team members, workshop leaders, facilitators, participants, funders and, of course, our support network. None of it would be possible without them.

We hope you will enjoy getting to know a little bit about each activity.  
And maybe we meet each other on the next one!

### 3.1. HELP DESK

1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER. BERLIN, GERMANY.

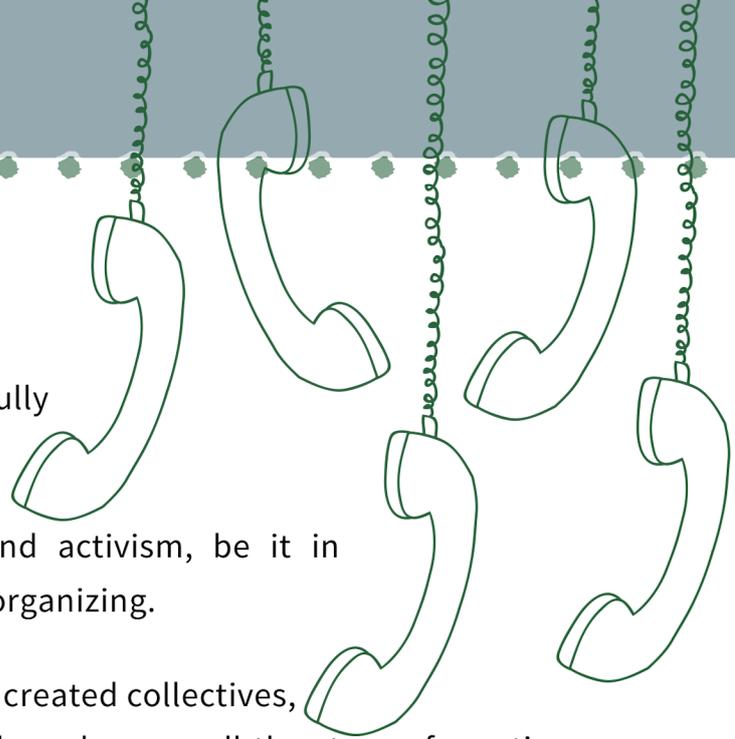
The EYFA Help Desk project has been successfully running since 2017.

In this space we offer advice in and around activism, be it in fundraising, sustainable activism or inclusive organizing.

This year, we have directly worked with newly created collectives, led by young activists. In those sessions we dove deep on all the steps of creating a collective, developing ideas, goals, strategies, communication, basic finances, funding opportunities, access to resources and so on.

Additionally, we have partnered with one of our network member and skilled workshop facilitator specialised on funding. Together we compiled a zine on funding opportunities, how to write application.

We hope that more and more young folks are able to access the many available funding opportunities to be able to successfully implement their events, in a smoother way.



### 3.2. ABOLITIONISM NOW!

06TH MAY. BERLIN, GERMANY



Presented on May 6, 2023 in the Haus der Statistik in Berlin, “Abolitionismus Jetzt! Aber wie?” (“Abolition Now! But how?”) was a full day of creative workshops, in which groups, initiatives, and individuals came together to explore:

- How can abolition of police and prisons work?
- What perspectives, demands, and practices connect us as leftist activists in Germany and beyond?
- What does it mean to organize as “abolitionists”?

From early morning till very late night, we had the chance to collaborate with the Bewegungsschule and many other grassroots groups / network members in this counter-event to the European Police Congress, which took place in our city just a few days later.

We had many different workshops, time and space for reflecting on our practices together, an exhibition, a concluding evening event and, of course, good food. The event gathered hundreds of people. It was an enriching experience where we could exchange our personal wishes and methods for a radical transformation of society. A society that is accountable and just to all.

### 3.3 AGRI/CULTURAL PRACTICES

05TH - 07TH MAY. BRANDENBURG, GERMANY



Agri/cultural practices is a practical experimental workshop that provides an introduction to Permaculture (permanent agriculture) sustainable design ethics and principles through games and exercises from Theatre of the Oppressed, aimed at rehearsing solutions for change. Both Permaculture and Theatre of the Oppressed are informed by Indigenous, Black and working-class knowledge and experience.

This way of combining Permaculture and Theatre of the Oppressed was developed through the Neighbourhood Academy at Prinzessinnen Garden, Berlin in 2019.

However, this workshop goes further by not only providing an introduction but focusing on anti-racism, climate justice, decolonizing, addressing power structures, understanding the link between colonialism and environmental chaos, challenging environmental racism and exploring the potential of art.

### 3.4 DECOLONISING CLIMATE JUSTICE AND ACTIVISM

14TH - 20TH AUGUST. BRANDENBURG, GERMANY

In mid August we had a one-week long youth exchange, in partnership with Project Ulex and Black Earth kollektiv, where we dove into the meaning of climate justice in the European context. Through various workshops, games and other activities we explored decolonial perspectives on environmental & climate (in)justice, anti-oppression work, food justice and non-western concepts of conservation.

We had the chance to learn from each other and build a stronger network, more connected with migrant and marginalised communities, whose people are the most affected by the climate (in)justice.

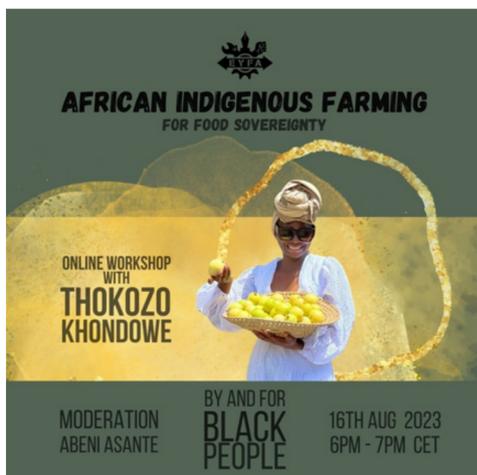
Participants came with varied levels of experience, knowledge and geographical & historical contexts which offered enriching exchange of information & practices among everyone.

Together we created an open & shared learning space that continues to grow and be cultivated within our local activist communities.



### 3.5 AFRICAN INDIGENOUS FARMING FOR FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

16TH AUGUST. ONLINE



An online meeting by and for Black people, focused on African Indigenous Farming and its role in promoting food sovereignty on the continent, discussing about various traditional agricultural practices that have sustained us for centuries.

Together we could exchange thoughts and experiences connected to the many different ancient farming techniques employed by African and Indigenous farmers, such as intercropping, agroforestry, and the use of organic fertilizers, etc.

We wish for more events like this, so we can shed light on the importance of African Indigenous Farming in achieving food sovereignty and building sustainable food systems.

### 3.6 INTERNATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING “FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT”

16TH - 21ST, SEPTEMBER. BRANDENBURG, GERMANY

Our international youth gathering brought together young activists that have undergone the process of migration, asylum, forced displacement.

Young people from different corners of Europe came together to share their stories of struggles and pain but also from joy, grace and power.



Many practical topics were discussed, from first steps into transitioning to another country, then arriving, getting around, finding grassroots groups and a support network and so on.

We had the chance to hear from each other how different the systems are in each country. But they all have something in common: The so called “3rd world” nationals face a lot of discrimination, being neglected, mistreated and humiliated by the government in most cases.

This isn't new.

But together we've tried to create a safe(r) space where all these stories were shared, with compassion and care.

And we have put together a zine with a lot of useful resources that will aid those going through similar situations. We wish to abolish systems of oppression but, in the meanwhile, we aim to make migration process “smoother” for those in need.

### 3.7 QUEER TRANS YOUTH

3TH OCTOBER. BERLIN, GERMANY



In collaboration with Casa Kuà we organised an evening with empowerment workshop + skill-share for queer trans youth.

The idea was to create a space where people could be creative together, support each other, practice radical kindness, rest and create strategies for collective joy.

The event was organised by and for young non-binary, trans\*, agender, gender non-confirming, gender fluid, gender queer, gender bender and anyone outside of the binary.

### 3.8 BLACK AND PALESTINIAN LIBERATION

3TH OCTOBER. BERLIN, GERMANY

Where there is oppression there is resistance!

The interconnected struggles between Black and Palestinian movements have a long history. First of all Afro-Palestinian movements with female Black Palestinian freedom fighters in the 1960s, before and presently.

Within Anti-Apartheid movements in South Africa people like Nelson Mandela, were standing in solidarity:

**“But we know too well that our freedom is incomplete without the freedom of the Palestinians”**

There have been historical alliances between the Black Power movement in the US and Palestine. Black activists like Angela Davis show their continuous and uncompromising solidarity:

“If we say we abolish the prison-industrial complex, as we do, we should also say abolish apartheid, and end the occupation of Palestine!”





# 4. STATUTORY MEETINGS

## 4.1 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

24TH - 25TH OCTOBER. BERLIN, GERMANY

Every year, our office team & Board of Directors members get together for 1 or two Board of Directors assembly. This year we have only met once in person. Our second meeting was held online.

In these meetings we came together to welcome a new Board member - who happens to be a former Eyfa's team member, when our office was located in the Netherlands! (many, many, many years ago)

Together we could evaluate the last years achievements, learning more about our organisation, developing a more strategical plan for this years activities, reflecting on our internal relationship as an office but also giving deep attention to our relationship with our network members and funders.

## 4.2 NETWORK MEETING

23RD - 26TH NOVEMBER. CATALUNYA, SPAIN.

Following the last network meetings 'tradition', this year we had the chance to gather with (some) new and old friends amidst a bigger gathering. In the last network meeting we have gathered at the International Conference Women Weaving the Future. In the edition before, we have met at the Klimacamp im Rheinland and, this year, the chosen one was the Trans\* BIPOC artist retreat on the beautiful grounds of La Bassa Mar, in Cataluna - Spain.

As this year we focused on strengthening our relationship with the (relatively new) BIPOC network members, this gathering seemed to be the best place for us to meet. We had the chance to get to know new BIPOC creatives in the field of non-formal education for youth, with emphasis on migrant lgbtqia+++ youth.



## 5. Groups YOU should KNOW!

Throughout the year we had the chance to connect with many amazing youth organisers all over Europe. We learned from their experiences and about how they have been transforming injustice into powerful mutual-aid networks and defying systems of oppression.

These grassroots groups represent the heart and soul of our communities, embodying the principles of collaboration, empathy, and resilience. As we celebrate their achievements and dedication, let us also recognize the importance of supporting and amplifying their voices, for it is through collective action that we can truly bring about lasting change.

Together, we can build a future where every community is vibrant, inclusive, and thriving. We are so thankful for having met them and we hope you, too, will be as excited as we are.

Let us join hands in supporting these initiatives that are shaping a better tomorrow for us all.

### 5.1 ANTI-OPPRESSION CIRCLE

United Kingdom

Anti-Oppression Circle are an intersectional justice network led by BIPOC, formed in the UK. We are doing the deep work of liberation, justice and healing. We hold each other accountable and support each other in dismantling systems of oppression that have conditioned us.



## 5.2 CINELOGUE

Germany

Cinologue provides a collaborative space for film curation, global streaming, and critical dialogue around cinema, representation, and politics by presenting cinema by the Global Majority (Black people, Indigenous people, and People of Color, who make up over 80% of the world's population).



Cinologue represents, revives, and celebrates critically acclaimed and emerging filmmakers from countries and communities within Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Oceania. While many filmmakers on our platform put issues of race, gender, and class (amongst many other forms of oppression) at the center of their filmmaking practice, others are lighter stories or satires made for joy.

For the first 100 titles of our recently launched film library we collaborated with an external team of curators, who hold diverse regional foci in the independent cinema landscape and carefully sourced a selected number of films under a chosen theme. The titles will be released throughout the first library year until Fall 2024.

Next to our library films, we aspire to produce curated programs in collaboration with curators, film collectives and scholars who have a special relation to the program and create a unique dialogue through and between the showcased films. We anticipate our next program to be released in May 2024.

Cinologue shares 50% of the subscription revenue with all filmmakers or independent licensors, whose works are showcased on our platform. They also have the option to choose countries or regions they wish to make their films available for free.

Cinologue seeks to act as a curated intervention that challenges the status quo of cinema and reinforces the discourse around anti-colonialism within the film industry by centering the works of BIPOC filmmakers from the Global Majority.

Our approach is guided by the continued effects of colonialism on global social and political dynamics. The hegemonic forces of the so-called Global North are well established and continue to threaten the autonomy and empowerment of countries over which they, to this day, hold much political, economic, and social power. The Euro-American film and entertainment industries continue to produce cinema that fails to challenge European perceptions that often find their roots in colonization.

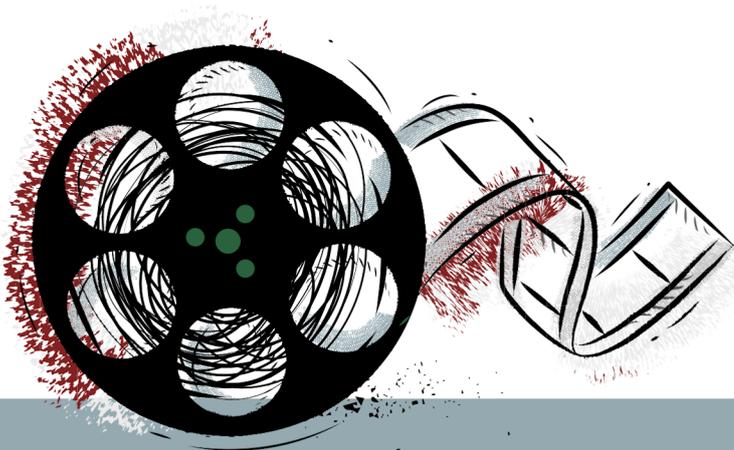
The widely accepted binary and hierarchical categories of 'foreign film' or 'world cinema' only serve as a continuation of colonial relations. They project the non-western world as a homogenous space without diversity, specificity, and complexity. This results in the visual consumption of films by the Global Majority as something to be passively gazed upon rather than actively seen.

Cinologue invites viewers to reimagine how to watch films by communities and filmmakers of the Global Majority. We want to bring forward a localized understanding and inter-regional connections between different films and their makers.

Cinologue is committed to showcasing filmmakers who use film as a political and artistic vehicle. The carefully curated films center the lived experiences of those most affected by systems of social, cultural, and state oppression, such as religious and ethnic minorities, women, working class people, and people with diverse sexual orientations and gender identities.

The films, discourses, and stories featured on this platform allow us to engage with complex layers of inner and outer truths tied to the larger societies, histories, and collective trauma of places.

Our team is dedicated to continuing the distribution process of these works by collaborating with professional translators from the Global Majority and providing subtitles in diverse languages that include those most spoken in the regions the films originate in. We want our audience to feel inspired and curious about new and innovative ways of accessing independent cinema, and we hope to make our contribution to changing the narrative.



[www.instagram.com/cinologue](https://www.instagram.com/cinologue)  
<https://cinologue.com/>

### 5.3 COLECTIVX RAÍCES NEGRAS

Spain

The Colectivx Raíces Negras is a grassroots organization founded by and in support of BIPOC community members in Madrid, Spain who want to decolonize the climate justice movement through education.



We intend to create spaces for BIPOC to come together and deepen their consciousness of climate injustice through the delivery of free Climate justice awareness workshops, where we will explore themes such as environmental racism, food sovereignty, resource governance, ancestral cosmivision, immigration or displacement due to climate change, etc.

We hope to be able to hold spaces for healing from eco-anxiety and a space to reflect on the realities of climate colonialism, so that we may become better advocates for those living on the frontlines of the climate crisis. In combination with these open spaces, we also want to offer free workshops to radicalized teachers where the facilitators will be able to present on content related to intersectional environmentalism in the climate justice movement that will serve to inform their community in several areas such as: food sovereignty, resource governance, etc.

[Instagram @colectivxraicesnegras/](#)

### 5.4 EMÁNTES

Greece

Emantes means “we” in “kaliarda”, the first Greek lgbtqia community slang which has always been marginalized. “We” is a response to what the “others” always symbolize and a bet for “us, the others” to be heard. The Social Cooperative Enterprise Emantes was founded in July 2018 by active members of the “Lgbtqia+ Refugees Welcome” collective in collaboration with migration and refugee experts.

The collective was created in September 2016 by refugees and solidary persons. Most members had personal experience with refugee-migration issues and/or were involved in queer, lgbt+ and feminist activist groups, and came together to focus their attention on one of the most unseen facets of the refugee “crisis”: that of the lgbt+ community.

Following a year of action, the members of the collective concluded that the lack of legal form limited its potential. That is, the collective could not access hot spots, camps, detention centres, asylum services, public services or other agencies. Furthermore, funding resources were limited, thus making the coverage of the refugees’ basic needs (food, housing, education etc.) difficult or even impossible. It was necessary to create something new. Emantes aims to overcome these barriers. Its main objectives are to further support the lgbt+ community and to raise awareness of their struggles. The creation of this legal entity will facilitate fundraising, visibility, and collaboration efforts.

Emantes’ activity is inextricably linked to its values, which justify its purposes and therefore are of vital importance. Such core values can be summarized as:

Emantes understands  
Emantes has a positive attitude  
Emantes listens  
Emantes respects  
Emantes believes in solidarity



**OUR MISSION** The mission of Emantes is to provide psychosocial support to lgbt+ refugees/migrants. More specifically, Emantes aims to:

- Provide housing/shelter and food.
- Facilitate access to educational programs for lgbt+ refugees/migrants.
- Provide information on lgbt+ refugees’/migrants’ rights.

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- Raise awareness of the lgbt+ refugees'/migrants' as well as of the lgbt+ community's struggles and demands and put pressure on authorities.
- Emantes aims to cover these needs either by providing the services itself or by referring to other providers.
- Lastly, Emantes is willing to employ lgbt+ refugees/migrants based on their skills. This part of our mission is Emantes' response to the discrimination that lgbt+ refugees/migrants face in the labor market.

<https://www.emantes.com/>  
[Instagram @emantes\\_lgbtqia\\_solidarity/](https://www.instagram.com/emantes_lgbtqia_solidarity/)

## 5.5 GYENJAM

Austria / Bangladesh

gyenjam is a collective formed by 3 queer migrant friends in vienna who are of/from the bengal delta (whatever that means ???), where we may collaborate with organizers, curators, artists and communities to organize events that welcome and hold space for bipoc people.



We attempt to always be critical of our own positions among the larger populace of queer migrants, naturalized europeans, refugees, expatriates and undocumented persons from different parts of the non-white world residing in Vienna.

Instagram @gyenjam/

## 5.6 HERMANAS NÓMADAS

Germany

We are Hermanas Nomadas, a collective of Latin American migrant women in Bayreuth, that seeks to facilitate safe spaces, support communities, and share feminist reflections from different perspectives.

As a collective, we proclaim ourselves against the patriarchal system that makes us invisible and reduces us based on our color, gender, ethnicity, class, the languages we speak. We are against these oppressive combinations that exploit people, territories, and nature. And it is not only the patriarchal system, it is state violence, dictatorship, imperialism, border regimes, and white supremacy.



We think that is important to remember that gained rights can be lost, that we should not forget to stand up in their defense.

As Latin American migrant women, distance and time away from our homes do not mean forgetting. It means commemorating the struggles and uniting with our sisters and siblings from the global south, who fight everyday. Together with the alliance of international feminists, we honor those that are standing up together, today around the world:

From Iran to Palestine, from Sudan to Kurdistan, from Peru to Afghanistan, from Tunisia to El Salvador. We stand with the refugee women and queers that are on the move, those stuck at the borders, those forced into the charter deportations from Germany

The Hermanas Nomadas is an open group for women & queers, not just for Latin American, anyone who wants to organize with us, anyone in a vulnerable situation or who wants to be part of a support network can contact us anytime. We want our voices to resonate on the other side of the world as an echo of our sisters from the global south.

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## 5.7 QUEERINCOLOR

Germany

We're a self-organized group from Münster called Queer In Color.

We want to create a safer space for Black individuals, Indigenous people, People of Color, ethnic and religious minorities who are Queer, in which we can talk about our experiences (good and/or bad) and get to know each other.



Sometimes, it can be hard to find others with similar backgrounds and experiences, which leads to feelings of isolation.

So let's get together and change that!

Questions?

Instagram @queer\_in\_color/  
<[gtbipocs-ms@outlook.de](mailto:gtbipocs-ms@outlook.de)>

## 5.8 WE ARE THE RESISTANCE

Spain

"We are the resistance" is a Spain based organization dedicated to promoting climate justice education and cultivating environmental responsibility through storytelling. We bring you stories of resistance from all four corners of the world through our audiovisual content.



We aim to raise awareness of how climate change can have differing social, economic, public health, and other adverse impacts on historically marginalized and underprivileged populations, particularly women, girls and LGBTQIA+ persons.



We are not the storytellers, we simply strive to create a platform where those with stories of resistance can share them ultimately to amplify the voices of those who are the least heard in climate policy and decision making, those who are trailblazing innovative strategies for climate mitigation within their local contexts in order to defend their land, their livelihoods, their community, their culture and more. We strive to center their voices and experiences to ensure that our approach to climate action and mitigation benefits everyone.

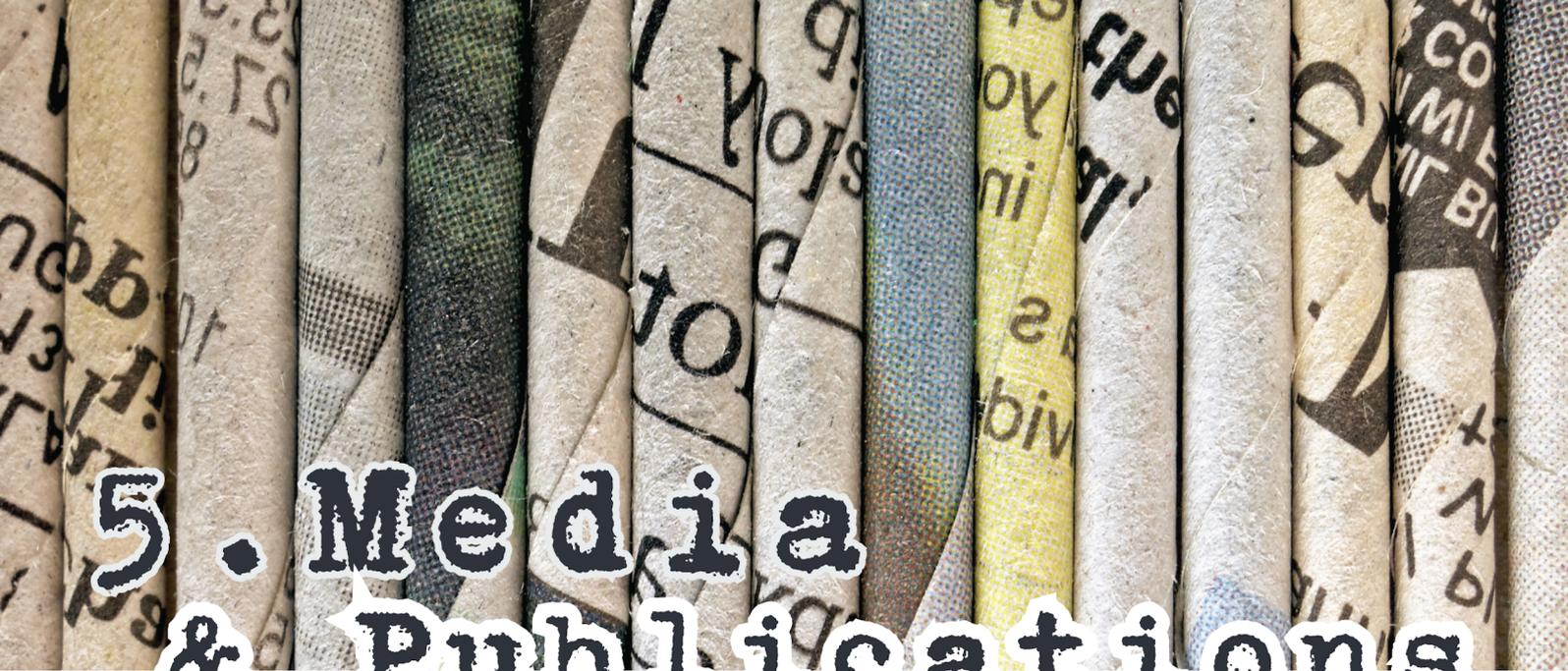
We believe it is essential to centre indigenous knowledge in climate mitigation initiatives and collective climate action as well as the various approaches those on the frontlines of the climate crisis are taking to engage their communities in climate justice activism and restorative practices. We seek to provide resources made in collaboration with women on the frontlines of the climate crisis who are trailblazing climate movements, climate resilience and mitigation programmes and community healing initiatives to empower you and equip you with the knowledge for how to cultivate change in your community.

The organization's primary focus is on climate justice, which emphasizes the intersection of social, economic, and environmental issues related to climate change. We specifically focus on raising awareness around the way climate change disproportionately affects young women, girls, and LGBTQIA+ people. Through storytelling, and indigenous knowledge sharing we seek to bridge the knowledge gap and inspire action that addresses these inequalities.

Our audiovisual content includes, interviews with experts, testimonies from affected communities, and informative videos on various climate justice-related topics. These resources serve to engage and inform a wide audience, making complex concepts accessible and relatable.

We believe that knowledge sharing through story telling is a powerful tool for creating positive change. By fostering a deeper understanding of the interconnectedness between social, economic, and environmental factors, we aim to inspire a sense of responsibility and motivate individuals to take meaningful actions in their own lives and communities

Instagram @wearetheresistancx/  
[www.wearetheresistance.net/](http://www.wearetheresistance.net/)



# 5. Media & Publications

## 5.1. EYFA NEWSLETER

Our Newsletter is published twice per year. The idea is to connect with new folks and collectives, building a solidarity network and sharing all kinds of events occurring all over Europe.

Since we have started our new Instagram life, the Newsletters are now becoming a secondary channel. However, we still have many 'old school' friends in our circles and they do appreciate getting our emails every now and then. Our main target are young people, interested in radical education and keen on fighting for a more equal and sustainable world.

We are glad for having the opportunity to get to know more about other initiatives, sharing knowledge, exchanging their resources and encourage our readers to participate in the gatherings, camps, skill-shares and workshops, protests and actions across Europe and beyond.

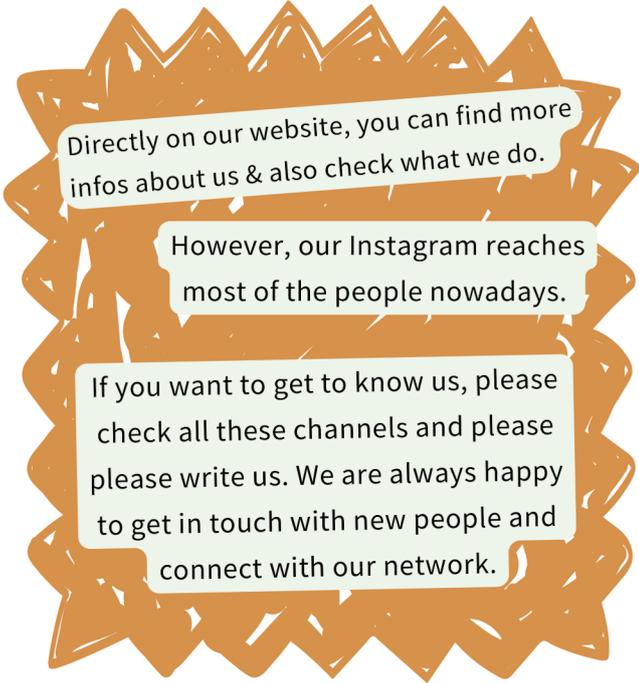
## 5.2. WEBSITE

It has been a long journey into making our website a bit more accessible. Since 2021 we have been working on adapting our website for persons using screen readers. This year we are working on adding captions on our IG posts.



These are 2 basic tasks that we need to pay more attention to.

We are learning by doing and we do commit lots of mistakes! And that helps us to acknowledge how important is to learn more about these topics. We have been noticing how necessary is that more people learn about these basic features and implement them on their socials.



Directly on our website, you can find more infos about us & also check what we do.

However, our Instagram reaches most of the people nowadays.

If you want to get to know us, please check all these channels and please write us. We are always happy to get in touch with new people and connect with our network.

On the tab **more resources**, we we have compiled a list of links to learning materials, tools and websites of collectives and people that teach about accessibility and solidarity, two subjects that play an important role in the process of learning and unlearning towards the creation of a more accessible society.

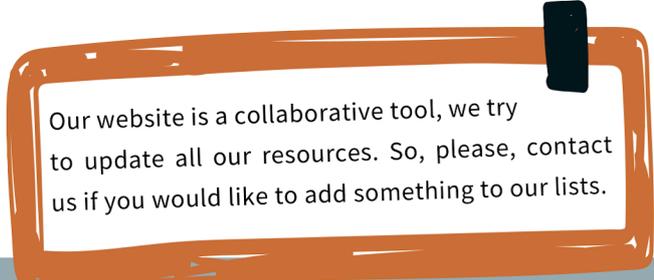
On the tab **sharing is caring** you will find all of the resources and materials that we have created or collaborated with through out the years. There are various publications, articles, podcast, resource guides, etc.

On **media** you will have the chance to access the material used and developed during our 'Learning documentation' project.

On **freedom of movement** \*\*\* you will find a resource guide with useful links on how to navigate the never ending European bureaucracies that prevent refugees, asylum seekers, new comers and migrants to move freely within European's unfair immigration politics.



\*\*\*This is our latest project. The participants from the international gathering 'freedom of movement' have put together a list of resources to aid the process of arriving in a foreign land as a migrant.



Our website is a collaborative tool, we try to update all our resources. So, please, contact us if you would like to add something to our lists.

### 5.3 SOCIAL MEDIA?

We have been using IG for a little more than 1 year now and we are very thankful for the connections we have been making through that platform. However, we do acknowledge how our values are not aligned.

Social media is **NEVER** safe

In times of on-going and always growing injustice, wars, police violence all over the world, we have noticed that it is possible to learn from individuals and collectives based around the world via platforms like this. This is where the people are. That is where they show their daily life, the real life.

We have been following amazing people and we are learning so much with their content. It is utterly necessary to amplify their voices.

There is so much going on and most newspapers and television channels are **failing** in providing us with reliable information.

Following that, we are committed to keep on learning from people directly, via their own channels. Like this, we have first hand information and can better make a comparison with all the propaganda that big media channels impose on the mass population.

We hope to gain more awareness about topics that are unfamiliar, from trustful sources, with respect and with the will to challenge the status quo.



## 5.4 FURTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Handout\_Power critical analysis of work structures.
- Handout\_ \*HelpDesk project\*. How to write grant applications.
- Compilation of articles written by the participants of the E+Youth Exchange: \*Youth Organisations Decolonizing Activism\*
- Handout\_with informational materials used and created during the E+Youth Exchange \*Youth Organisations Decolonizing Activism\*
- Handout\_ \*Food sovereignty & and African Indigenous farming\*
- Zine and resource guide\_ \*Freedom of Movement – Youth uniting against Borders\*
- Zine\_ \*Black and Palestinian Liberation\*



HOW CAN YOU FIND US?

[www.instagram.com/eyfa\\_berlin](https://www.instagram.com/eyfa_berlin)

[www.eyfa.org](http://www.eyfa.org)

# SPECIAL THANKS

We are enormously thankful to all our friends, colleagues, network members, board members, donors, collaborators and really every single person who crossed our paths this year. It has been a very intense and special one. And it's all thanks to you! We are committed to keep on learning, unlearning, sharing, caring, resting, fighting, loving and multiplying all the kindness (and rage!) that were so present throughout this magical process - thanks for being part of this never - ending journey.

Sincerely,  
your Eyfa team.



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